## **Amendments to the Claims**

1. (ORIGINAL) An optically anisotropic body characterized in being obtainable by providing a body comprising a polymerizable electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material capable of being brought into an optically anisotropic state in response to an electric and/or magnetic field,

subjecting the polymerizable electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material to a non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field to establish electric and/or magnetic field lines in accordance with a desired pattern within the electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material, the electric and/or magnetic field lines being of sufficient strength for aligning the material and bringing the material into a desired optically anisotropic state commensurate with the non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field, and

polymerising the material in said optically anisotropic state to provide the optically anisotropic body.

- 2. (ORIGINAL) An optically anisotropic body according to claim 1, wherein the electro-optical and/or magneto-optical material is a liquid crystal (LC) monomer.
- 3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to claim 1 or 2claim 1, wherein the body comprising said polymerizable material is provided on an alignment layer.
- 4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to any one of claims 1 3 claim 1, wherein said non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field is applied by use of a plurality of spaced electrodes and/or magnetic poles.
- 5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to any one of claims 1-4claim 1, wherein said non-uniform electric and/or magnetic field is applied by use of at least one structured electrode and/or magnetic pole pair.
- 6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to any one of claims 4 or 5claim 4, wherein said non-uniform electric and/or magnetic

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field is applied by use of a plurality of spaced electrodes and/or magnetic poles arranged at one side of the body.

- 7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically anisotropic body according to any one of claims 1-6claim 1, wherein one or more electrode(s) and/or magnetic pole(s) is/are part of the body.
- 8. (ORIGINAL) An optically anisoptropic body according to claim 7, which comprises a plurality of spaced electrodes and/or magnetic poles arranged at one side of the body.
- 9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An optically aniostropic body according to any one of claims 1-8claim 1, which is selected from the group consisting of a polariser, a compensation foil, and a micro-lens array.